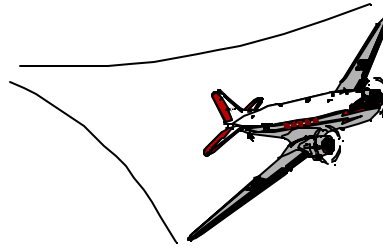


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## **Introduction**

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin advises you, an owner and operator, of SOCATA TBM series airplanes of the need to review the service bulletin listed below.

## **Background**

The FAA's Small Airplane Directorate conducted a review of specified SOCATA TBM series airplanes service bulletins. The purpose of the review was to evaluate each service bulletin to determine the continued airworthiness safety aspect. The options considered by the FAA included: Mandated compliance by initiation of an FAA Airworthiness Directive (AD), various forms of notices, or no further action required.

Owners/operators of SOCATA TBM series airplanes should also note that there have been Airworthiness Directives issued against these airplanes concerning other safety issues.

## **Recommendations**

The service bulletin identified in this document is not considered appropriate for AD action at this time, however, the FAA strongly suggests that all owners/operators of the SOCATA TBM series airplanes review their compliance with the service bulletin listed below.

<b>SOCATA TBM Airplane Series</b>			
<b>Service Bulletin Number</b>	<b>MODEL</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
SB 70-089	TBM 700	12/00	Nose Gear Tire

## **The Service Bulletins Can Be Obtained From**

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